Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Margaret Brechtel was born on May 10, 1913, at Lebanon, South Dakota, to Hubert and Ina Brechtel; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Margaret was raised on the family ranch and attended country school, Sturgis High School, and later graduated from Normal College in Spearfish, South Dakota. Margaret began her teaching career in various country schools; and,

Whereas, Margaret married Art Melby on June 13, 1936, in Rapid City, South Dakota, and to that union two children were born, who further blessed her with five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Margaret resides in her own home at Vermillion, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family, friends, and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013, as

MARGARET MELBY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State